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SUPERINTENDENT HORNE RELEASES 2006 AIMS RESULTS, NOTES SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN ACADEMIC PROFICIENCY

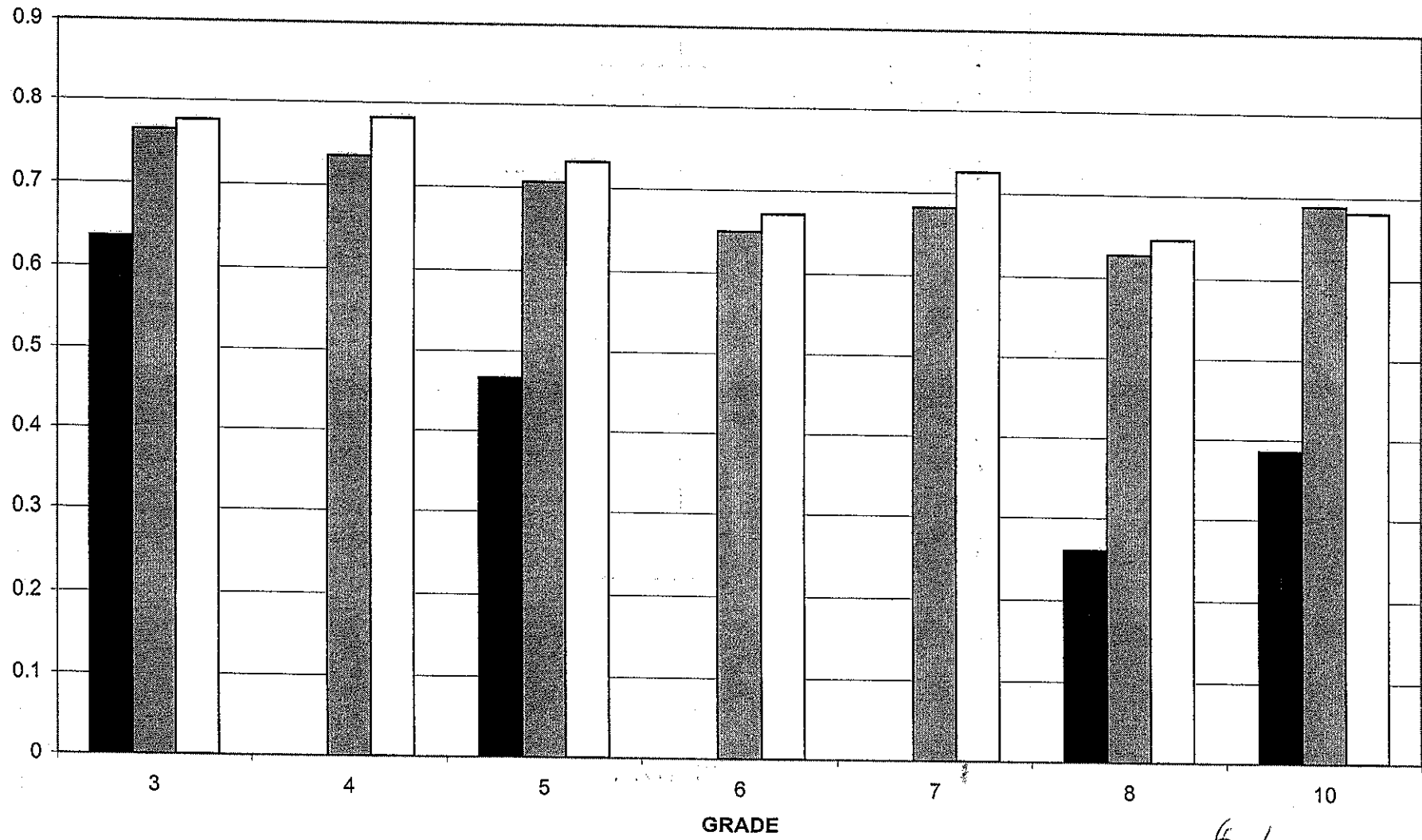
PHOENIX (Monday, July 10, 2006) -- State Superintendent of Schools Tom Horne today released the results of the 2006 AIMS tests. The results are shown on the attached graphs.

Horne stated: "There are 21 categories – seven tested grade levels, and three subjects. Arizona students increased their proficiency rates over the past three years in all categories, and over last year in 17 out of 21 categories. In overall averages, Arizona students' proficiency rates increased from about 55 percent to about 70 percent. This confirms the results of national tests, in which Arizona students performed above the national averages in the Terra Nova (the nationally normed test that all Arizona students take), the scholastic aptitude test, and the ACT."

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AIMS MATH PERCENT PASS

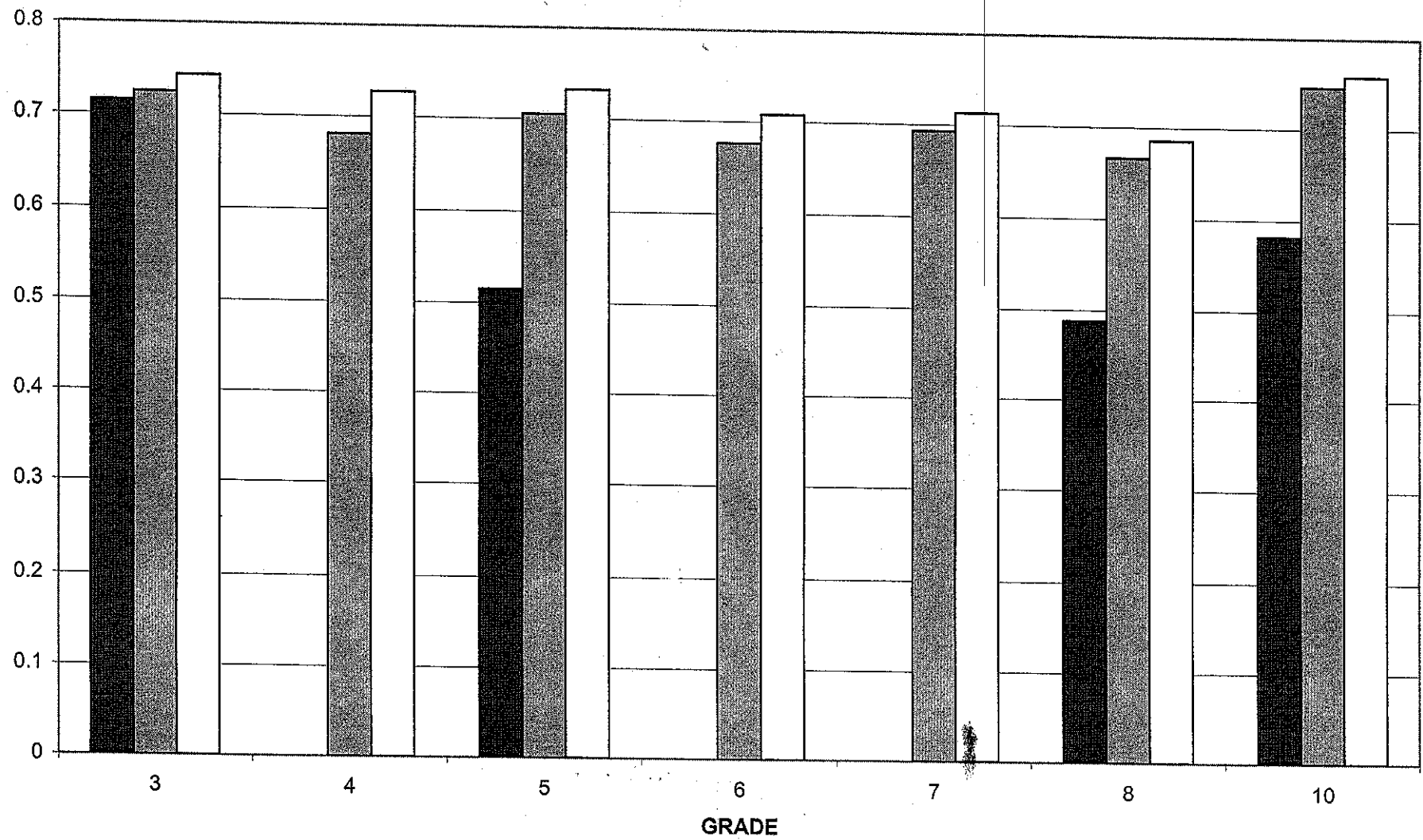
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AIMS READING PERCENT PASSING

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